Bar Hill News

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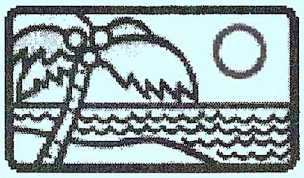

Residents' Association Village Fete. Saturday 28th June from 2pm on the Village Green Many attractions with a Caribbean Theme Don't miss it!

Coffee and Kids Charity Day

in aid of Milton Hospice

7th June 1pm till 3pm at the Octagon

Table top sale stalls and raffle

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28th JUNE 2003

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Wheelie bins for Bar Hill (and the rest of South Cambridgeshire)

As you may be aware, South Cambridgeshire District Council is introducing a new domestic waste collection service. It is changing from the black sack collection service to a new two-bins per household waste and recycling (green, kitchen and cardboard materials) collection service using two wheeled bins per household collected on alternate weeks. The scheme will be starting in the Autumn. This is in addition to the green box for dry, recyclable materials already operating.

The new scheme is being introduced with nearly £1.9m funding from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). One of the requirements of the funding was that the scheme had to be in place by the end of April 2004. Although a district-wide telephone survey has been carried out and three focus groups held by the Council's consultants, the limited time available has meant that it has not been possible to consult as widely as it would have liked. On pages 3 and 4 is a fact sheet of the type of questions residents may have asked, and should any resident require further information, please get in touch with me on 780304 or my colleague Tom Flanagan on 780633.

A number of residents have already contacted South Cambridgeshire District Council about difficulties accommodating wheeled bins. For example, if a mid-terrace property abuts the pavement or street leaving no front garden for the bin and no access to the rear of the property, alternative arrangements will be made for waste collection. Before the new scheme starts, the Council will be identifying properties that are unsuitable for wheeled bins, but it needs help to identify all affected properties. Council officers will then be able to visit these areas and look at alternative arrangements.

Full details of the new waste collection scheme will be published in the July issue of South Cambs Magazine. If you or your Parish Council has any queries or concerns about this new waste service, please contact Iain Green, Environmental Health Officer (Promotions and Campaigns) on 01223-443209.

Roger Hall, District Councillor

Further information is on pages 3 and 4

Copy date for the next issue is 15th May to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contact details

Bar Hill Residents' Association

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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

What ? (see insert)	Cost ? (per month)	Who, where, how ? (see above)	When ? (in month)
Commercial '¼ page' Ads.	£12	Adverts Co-ordinator	1st of previous
Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.	£5	Editor	15th
Commercial 'Mini' Ads.	£2.50	Editor	15th
Articles, 'What's On', 'For Sale', 'Lost & Found'	free	Editor	15th

All items are included at the editor's discresion and are dependant on space being available

The '¼ page' adverts are for local businesses and we guarantee that they are always printed. This often results in a 'waiting list'. To overcome this we provide 'mini' and 'maxi' adverts that we use as 'fillers' for the text pages and do not guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions on the number of pages we can produce. Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via **bhneditor@yahoo.com**.

Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and address may be withheld at the Editor's discretion.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954)

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	Day of week	AM	Day of week	PM
Physiotherapist	Monday	8.40 onwards	Tuesday	3.00 onwards
Midwife			Monday	2.00 onwards
Child Health Clinic			1st and 3rd Fridays	2.00 onwards
Chiropody	Wed, Thurs & Fri	9.00-12.00	Thursday	2.00-5.00
Dietitian	1st Tuesday	9.30-12.30		
Orthoptist	2nd Tuesday	9.00-12.30		
MacMillan Nurses			Friday	2.00 onwards
Psychiatric Nurse			Wednesday	2.00 onwards
CAMTAD	4th Tuesday	9.00-11.30		

OUT OF HOURS 'EMERGENCIES' Telephone 01223 464242

Useful telephone numbers

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BHN (Commercial adverts - Bunty Waters)	201421
Church (Revd. Gary Renison)	781629
Conservative Party (Iris Lay)	205265
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Wheelie-bins for Bar Hill --- Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the Council changing from sacks to wheeled bins?

Many residents have told the Council that they not only want to recycle more paper, cans and glass but also other materials as well; such as cardboard and green waste. Making it possible not only conserves valuable resources (to recycle an aluminium can uses 95% less energy than making a new one) but also helps reduce pollution. The Government has also set all councils a target to increase the amount of household waste that is recycled, and South Cambridgeshire aims to recycle 25% of it by 2003/04. The only realistic and cost effective way of meeting the demand for increased recycling, and helping achieve the 2003/04 target and the even tougher targets for 2005 and 2010 (40%) is by using wheeled bins. Wheeled bins have a number of advantages over sacks; they are easy to move, requiring no lifting just pulling out, have closely fitting lids to cut down spills and smells, and are less likely to be damaged by sharp objects, animals or birds. They also make the job of the refuse collector safer and cleaner, avoiding the risk of injury from broken glass or sharp objects. They are also reusable; having a life of many years and so will save hundreds of tonnes a year of plastic from being landfilled. The Council is also changing to a wheeled bin service as part of wider directives from the EU that requires less recyclable and biodegradable waste to be land-filled. Also, recycling 'green' waste by heating it to high temperatures and then turning it into compost, reduces substantially the possibility of a fresh outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

For those who don't want a wheeled bin, can they stay on a sack collection?

No. In order for the scheme to be as successful, everyone who can use the scheme will have to do so.

Isn't this really about the Council trying to save money?

Providing additional recycling services in the short to medium term does not save money; that is why the Government is providing funds for its implementation. In the longer term, as landfilling waste becomes ever more expensive, it makes sense to recycle as much as possible and to try and reduce the amount of waste produced. The current refuse collection service and the green box recycling scheme together costs each household in the district an average of approximately 62 pence per week. The new kerbside green waste service, including changing over from sacks to wheeled bins will cost each household on average an additional 10 pence per week from 2004/05.

Isn't the service in actual fact being reduced from weekly to fortnightly?

No. In actual fact the service is being enhanced. An additional kerbside collection of green waste and cardboard is being introduced. Every household will continue to receive a collection every week; one week (the recycling week) the green bin and the green box will be collected, the next week everything that can't be recycled will be collected in the black bin

Will cardboard be recycled as part of the new scheme?

Yes, cardboard can be put in the green bin along with your garden and kitchen waste.

Can plastics be put out for recycling?

No. The Council is not able to include plastics in our recycling schemes at the moment. Recycling plastics can involve excessive costs to both local councils and the environment. It can cost up to £250 to collect, clean, sort and bale each tonne of waste plastics. The average value of one tonne of plastic is £110. Therefore it could cost the council approximately £140 to recycle each tonne. There are, in addition, no facilities in South Cambridgeshire able to sort, crush and bale plastics. This would mean transporting a low weight, high volume material long distances, which would cost too much money in fuel and have an adverse environmental impact through air pollution. It is not a viable material to recycle in this area at the moment, but the Council will continue to investigate options.

Are all houses in South Cambridgeshire going to get wheelie bins?

Yes.

When is this all going to happen?

The bins will start to be delivered from mid-August onwards in a rolling programme. All households will have received their bins by just after Christmas. Collections will start a few weeks after each household has received its bins. The Council will be implementing a full communication and publicity campaign in June 2003. This will include leaflets, publicity, media interviews, road shows, information packs and stickers (within the bin when it arrives) explaining the scheme and arrangements in detail.

Is the Council stopping the Green Box Scheme?

No, the green box scheme will continue to operate as it does now. There may be some changes to the collection days but that is all.

Will there be enough capacity in the bins to take all a household's rubbish?

Yes, if all of the recycling schemes are used appropriately. On average, each household puts out about 2 sacks each week.

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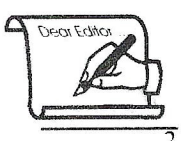

Wheelie-bins for Bar Hill --- Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

A wheeled bin can hold 3 sacks; in addition, households also have the green box to use for cans, glass, paper and textiles.

Do residents need to be at home when the bins are delivered?

No, the bins will be left at each property. Look out for the helpline number and more information in the summer issue of South Cambridgeshire Magazine.

What happens if there is no room to store a bin (e.g. in flats or where houses front straight onto the pavement and there is no side/rear access) , or that the houses are a long way from the road?

The Council will be identifying all such properties before the scheme starts and making alternative arrangements. Also blocks of flats may be issued with commercial bins if there is space. .

Will sacks collected on an assisted collection continue?

Yes, those currently qualify for an assisted collection will be contacted to confirm new arrangements.

Will any collection day change?

It is possible that collection days may change. The Council will be issuing the 'recycling collection day calendars' to everyone to advise residents of collection days and arrangements. Look out for further information in future issues of South Cambridgeshire Magazine.

Will residents get their own bins back after each collection?

Yes, but please do not individualise bin except with house name or number.

.What if residents put rubbish in the green bin intended for the recyclable waste?

The green bins, in short, will not be collected. There is a strict contamination policy so that a processor can deal with the material and the compost produced is suitable for use.

How will residents know which bin to put out each week?

The calendar in South Cambridgeshire Magazine will show which week to put out the green bin, black bin or green box.

If residents cannot fit all their rubbish into my black bin can they leave it next to the bin?

No. Side waste will not be collected under any circumstances. This is because the new vehicles are fitted with bin lifting equipment and have a much higher back than the old vehicles. It would be unsafe for refuse collectors to repeatedly lift rubbish over the high back. In addition, the Council believes that this policy will encourage everyone to not only recycle more but to try to minimise the amount of waste produced in the first place.

What happens if a resident needs another bin?

Large households, or households that can demonstrate the need, can purchase an additional 180 litre bin for £25.00 unless the household is on housing or council tax benefit and/or income support in which case the addition bin will be free. Only bins supplied by SCDC will be emptied

Will the Council still collect bulky items free of charge?

Yes, as now, most bulky items will continue to be collected free of charge. There is a charge of £20.00 per item for fridges; however, residents can take fridges and freezers to the household waste recycling centres at Milton and Thriplow where they can be left at no charge

Will Parish Councils still get money for recycling?

Yes. Parish Councils and community groups currently receive £5.85 for every tonne of material collected under the green box scheme and this will continue. This is a proportion of the money saved in not having to landfill the recycled material. So the more material recycled, the larger the community payments. Initially it is expected that no additional money will go to Parish Councils for the material collected in the green bin as the costs of processing are anticipated to be higher than the recycling credit. However South Cambridgeshire will pay money to the Parish Councils in future years if the processing costs become lower than the recycling credit paid.

Where is my nearest recycling centre?

The nearest recycling centre is at Butt Lane, Milton. For information about this and other sites contact the Recycling & Waste Minimisation Officer at the Council (Tel 01223 443000) for information about sites in the district. For those on the Internet one of the best ways is to look at the council web site www.scambs.gov.uk or use the Recap website www.recap.co.uk

Aren't the black bins going to smell in summer?

The experience of numerous other councils throughout the country indicates that this should not be a problem. The closely fitting lids of both the green and black bins helps prevents rain, flies and other vermin getting in and smells getting out

Is the Council going to provide a bin cleaning service?

No not directly but, there are already a number of private companies in the area who provide this service.

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HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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South Cambridgeshire District Council: 01223 443000
Dog Fouling: 01223 443012
Cambridgeshire County Council (damaged roads and paths): 01223 717111

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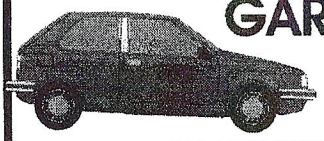

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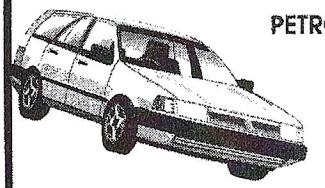

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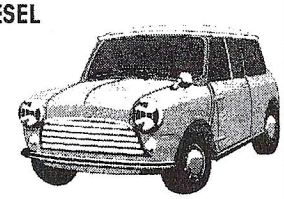

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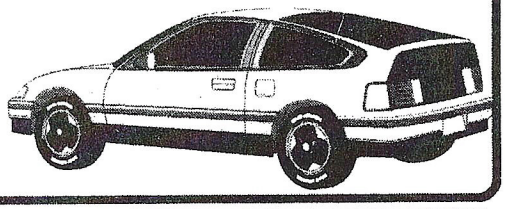

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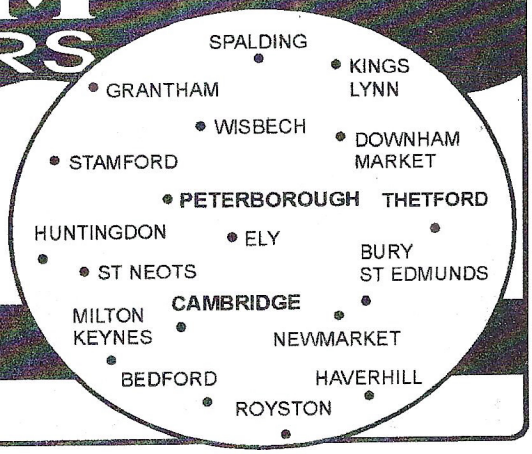

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Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup

You will find us in the Village Hall Centre on the Village Green, which can easily be reached by footpath or from the perimeter road via The Spinney.

The aim of our community playgroup is to enhance the development of **all** children placed in our care. This is achieved through the various activities we have in our **two rooms**, which provides the educational setting required by OFSTED. Our qualified friendly 'Early Year's Practitioners' - Sonya, Julie and Sylvia supervise our sessions.

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* We monitor your child's progress and keep a confidential record of their development and achievements.
* We recognize parents are the first and most important educators of young children. We therefore offer the opportunity to directly get involved in the playgroup through our parent helper scheme. This offers reduced fees if you choose to help at a session your child attends.

We also offer the Parent/carers the opportunity to become a committee member and be part of the running and decision making of the playgroup.

CURRICULUM

Within the group all children are supported in developing their potential at their own pace. Our Key worker system enables our staff team to ensure a planned curriculum tailored to the needs of each individual child. Using the Foundation Stage Curriculum the child's development is split into 6 areas of learning.

SESSION TIMES

Mon	9.15 - 11.45	
Tues	9.15 - 10.45	Play tots
	12.15 - 02.45	
Wed	9.15 - 11.45	
Thurs	9.15 - 11.45	
Fri	9.15 - 12.45	Rising 5's

LUNCH CLUB

As well as our sessions we offer a Lunch Club for the children every day.

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 11.45 - 12.45

Tues 11.15 - 12.15

The Lunch Club which is partly funded through the New Opportunities Fund, offers the child the opportunity to have their packed lunch at the Pre-School with their friends and our staff team. Lunch Club places can be booked through our administrator

NURSERY VOUCHERS

Under the Nursery Grant Scheme we can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible. For further information please contact, Julie Jolley 780445.

SUBSIDISED PLACES

We also offer reduced session rates for Parents/Carers on Income Support/ Working Tax Credit.

Proof of benefit will be asked, to claim discount.

PLAY TOTS

This is run by Sonya on a Tuesday morning and is an excellent way for your tiny tots to get used to the idea of pre-school. The starting age is One Year until Three. It is popular with both parents and childminders and really gives children the chance to enjoy playing and crafts. We want to give parents maximum time to enjoy playing with their children and to have a well deserved break, so no tidying or clearing up duties. The playgroup takes care of that. Tea and coffee is available for adults, and children are given a drink and biscuit as part of the entrance fee. The other good news is that it is "pay on the day" so you don't lose out if you can't make it one week. Come and see us, no need to book. Just turn up on the day.

PLACES

For places ring Sylvia **201670**. Application forms are available at Playgroup, The Library and the foyer of the Village Hall.

Sylvia D.

Sports & Social Club

It has been another successful year for the Sports & Social Club. Thank you to everyone that attended the AGM back in April and voted in the new committee who will continue to do their best for the club and its members. The committee are as follows: Bob Wells (Chairman), Neil Hassell (Vice Chairman), Margaret Carpenter (Secretary), Di Chapman (Minutes Secretary), Mick Turner (Treasurer) Mick Sweeney, Tony Shubotham, Iian Martin, Jo Clarke, Craig Burns, Roger Hackin, Lisa Martin and Chris Stannard.

For entertainments listings in the near future for the club please see the back page of the BHN.

If you would like to become a member of the social club then just pop in to get your your membership form.

COFFEE & KIDS

Got nothing to do on a Thursday morning? why not come down.have a chat and a drink.It is run by Bar Hill childminders. let the children play with our large range of indoor toys and when weather permits,we have a large range of outside toys. It takes place in the meetings room in the church at 10am to 11.30 am. All this costs is £1.50.

If you would like more details phone Lisa on 01954 201160.

Tots and Teds

Session Times

Monday 9.45 – 11-15 0-5 years
Tuesday 9.45 – 11.15 0-2 years
Wednesday 9.45 – 11.15 0-5 years
Friday 9.45 – 11.15 0-5 years

Location

Monday to Wednesday in the Meetings Room.
Fridays in the Octagon

About Us

Tots and Teds is a warm, friendly and independent group of parents and carers. We have a volunteer committee who are responsible for the smooth running of Tots and Teds.

We encourage and build the children's confidence and development through play, with mum or dad to give a helping hand when needed.

Toys and Facilities

We have a wide range of toys and activities at each session for the children to enjoy. These include painting, gluing, play dough, messy play, music, sand, prams, ride on toys, books, activity toys, puzzles and much more!

We also have a safe enclosed sunny garden with lots of large outdoor toys.

New to the area?

We always welcome new faces at Tots and Teds. If you would like to meet someone before coming along to a session please phone Kirsten on 200228 who will be happy to meet you and come along with you to introduce you to Tots and Teds.

News

Thank you and welcome to the new committee. I look forward to a hard working but enjoyable year with you all. Lets make a difference this year!

Diary Dates

In June we are planning an Indulgence evening, why not come along for an evening of pampering and indulgence. More details to follow watch this space!

Bar Hill Toy Library

The Toy library is a fantastic way of providing a diverse range of toys for your children with only a fraction of the cost.

How many parents have bought their child a much requested toy only to find it gathering dust after a couple of weeks (or that their child is more entertained by the box it came in!)? Annual membership of the Toy Library is just £3 per family and you can hire toys from 25p to £1.25 per toy.

Our session is every Tuesday between 2.15pm and 3.45pm in the Church Meetings Room. Refreshments are available and with no obligation to borrow every week, you can just come along and play.

For more information about Toy Library visit our website at i.am/barhilltoylibrary or ring Sarah on **200469**.

national **SureStart** month

JUNE 2003

A Celebration of Childcare!

This June, the country will be celebrating National Sure Start Month, formerly known as National Childcare Month, a celebration of the high quality childcare offered to children across the country. In Cambridgeshire, the Care & Education Partnership, which is responsible for developing high quality childcare & early years education, is coordinating events around the County. These events are organised by local childminders and childminding groups, pre-schools, day nurseries & out-of-school clubs. The month is divided into themed weeks:

1-8 June: National Day Nurseries Week

7-13 June: Pre-school Playweek

9-15 June: National Childcare Week

14-21 June: National Childminding Week

23-30 June: Kids' Clubs Week

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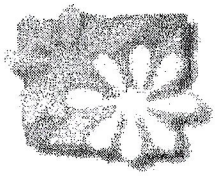

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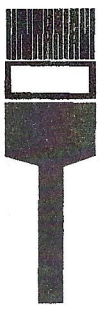

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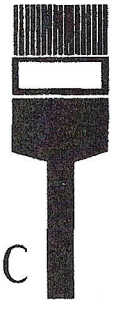

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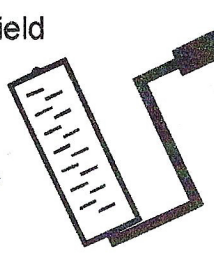

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DIARY DATES

Open afternoons will be held every Tuesday and Wednesdays from 1-3 pm. Come for a visit, meet the play leaders and see what goes on – we'd love to see you! We hope you all enjoyed our Easter play days. Our next one is a reptile theme play day on Wednesday 28th May 10 am – 12 noon.

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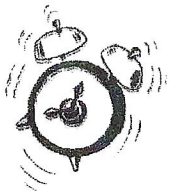

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 O'Clock Club meets on the first Thursday of each month in the School. We are a women's group and have speakers, demonstrations and outings.

Diary Dates

1 May - Trading Standings

5 June - Toad Rescue

If you are interested in joining please come along to one of our meetings or phone me on **204171**.

Barbara Page

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Bar Hill Branch

The monthly meeting for March was held on the 27th with apologies from five members who were unable to attend. It was chaired by Tony Shubotham. During the meeting I confirmed the dates for this year's Poppy Appeal as being between the 3rd and 8th of November inclusive. We are at present inquiring about a trip to the poppy factory at Richmond. It will consist of a 2-hour tour of the factory with refreshments afterwards.

This month, instead of a general knowledge quiz we had a sheet of clues all relating to confectionery. There were 34 questions/clues. This was won by Tony Shubotham with a grand total of 18 (Who has a sweet tooth, Tony?). It also shows who's on a diet!

Seven Bar Hill members attended the Group 4 meeting at Over Town Hall, with Over and Swavesey each having six members in attendance. The group chairman gave his report which included the mentioning of Over winning the Small Branches Proficiency Award and Swavesey gaining second place in the Efficiency Group. Over had organised a dinner dance for the 12th of April. Swavesey reported on their Poppy Appeal and that their standard is being re-dedicated on the 6th July. Group 4 Secretary, Margaret Clark, organised a speaker for the meeting. It was Mike Day, head of the vegetables department at NIAB. The talk he gave, complete with slides, was very interesting, as the slides were taken through various regions world-wide, all relating to food production.

The next Bar Hill Branch meeting will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 29th May at 7.30pm.

Terry Barnes, 780221

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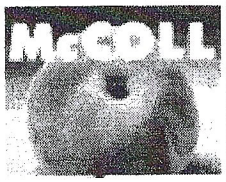

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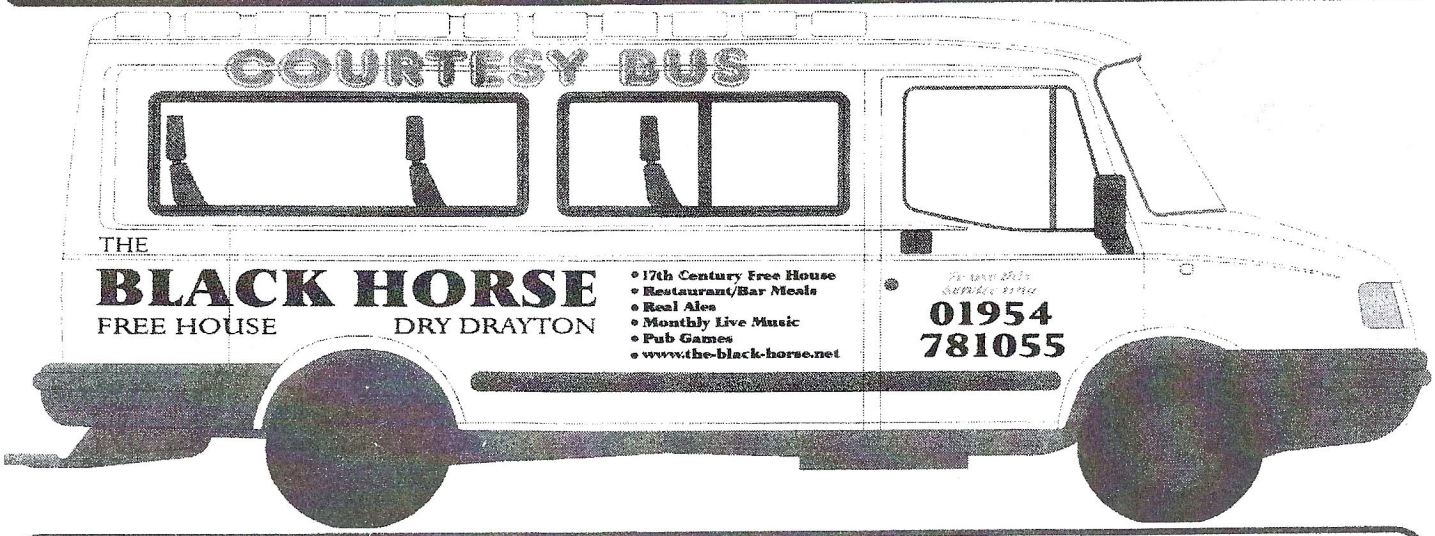

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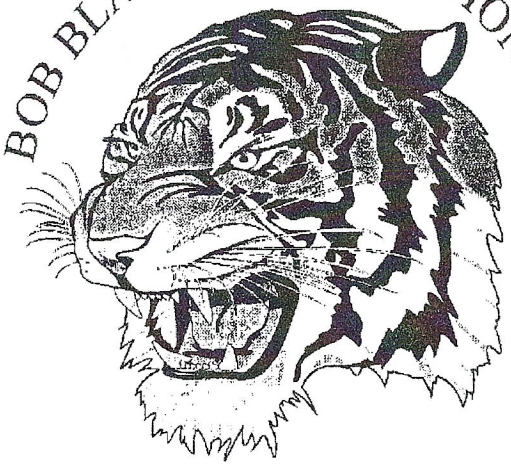

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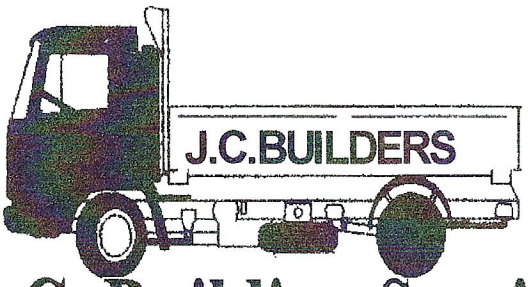

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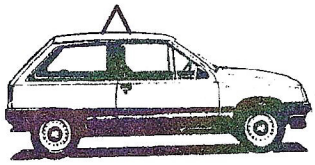

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Hogden the Hedgehog

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We were introduced to Ireland in 1700 as a food source. (You must have heard of us being baked in a ball of clay. Ugh – disgusting!) We have recently declined in Britain because of a loss of habitat, and we seldom occur in any great quantity where there are badgers (which compete for the same food as us and also eat us!)

We are, however, familiar and welcome visitors to gardens because we eat large numbers of slugs, also earthworms, beetles and other insects, and sometimes, if I can get hold of them frogs, small rodents, young birds, and bird eggs. What a lovely varied diet I have. Unfortunately, some of you humans put out bread and milk for us but all that does is mess our insides up. It would be much better for us if you would put out some cat or dog food. Mmmmm.... tasty.

An odd tale that is associated with us concerns the relationship between us and cows. The belief is that we suck milk from the udders of resting cows lying in the pastures. The obvious questions are asked. Can a hedgehog reach a cow's udder? Can I open my mouth wide enough wide enough to suckle it and if so, would a cow tolerate our sharp teeth? Has anyone seen it happen? To all of these the answer is "no"

The name 'Hedgehog' is reference to the animal with a pig-like snout that lives in hedges. This dates from 1450, and 'Romanies' have always been associated with us as hedgehog-eaters and we have found our way into folklore, and folk medicine. Hedgehog oil was used for earache... "with the drippings of hedgehog three drops into the ear at night, the same in the morning, and so for two days, until cured". An often-quoted remedy for epilepsy, fits or other irrational behaviour, was to give the patient a cooked hedgehog to eat... "for a lunatic take a hedgehog and make a broth of him and let the patient eat the broth and flesh". Hopefully it would do something for the 'lunatic', rather more than for the hedgehog.

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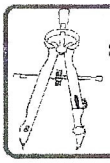

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Here are the dates of some events coming up;

Saturday 21st June - Summer Lunch in the Octagon 12.30pm for 1pm onwards (ring Sue for details)

Saturday 28th June - We will be having a stall at the Village Fete to help raise money for the Holiday Club and Children's work at the Church.

Karen Austen

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National Women's Register

We meet once a fortnight on a Monday or Thursday evening at 8pm. We are a lively group of women of varied ages and a cross section of occupations. Newcomers are always welcome, so why not come along and join us?

Diary Dates

Thursday 15th May: "The Weakest Link" Quiz as on television: at 37 Acorn Avenue.

Thursday 29th May: Read a novel and review: at 55 Acorn Avenue.

Monday 9th June: "Sketching in the garden" at 185 The Spinney.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact Jill Smith on **205453** or Joan Tanton **780529** *Jill Smith*

Happy Hours

The Recycled Youth Club.

Many of our members have expressed their appreciation of the Bar Hill News, and the fact that we are now receiving it within the first few days of the month. I therefore offer our congratulations to Roger Hall, Martin Avery and their hard working team, for the pleasure they bring to each village household.

Crime Check. On Wednesday 26th March, 18 of our members were among the 400 Senior Citizens who attended the "Closing the Door on Bogus Callers and Rogue Traders Day" held by the Cambridgeshire Constabulary at St Ives. Vera Hammond, our Vice Chairman, gave us a resume of the meeting, which included the opening address by the Mayor of Cambridge, the various talks given, the Old Tyme Music Hall, the Keep Fit, Bingo, and of course the excellent lunch provided. Many thanks to the Police, and others, for a most interesting day

Outings. On Monday 31st March, ten of our members joined a party from the British Legion for a five day holiday to the Lake District. A holiday blessed with good weather. On Thursday 10th April, 38 members enjoyed a day trip to Bourton-on-the-Water, in the Cotswolds. Although the weather was bitterly cold, it was mainly dry and a most enjoyable day was had by all. On Sunday 27th April, a party of 28 start our 6 day holiday to North Wales, staying at the Kensington Hotel, on the sea front at Llandudno. The next day trip will be to Bury St. Edmunds on Wednesday 14th. May

Talk. On Monday 7th. April we had a most interesting talk by Daphne Wyatt on "Children we have known". Daphne, and her husband Alan, have been Foster Parents for many years, looking after no fewer than 120 children during that time. Daphne and Alan, a farmer, live at Landbeach. Having had four children of their own, they decided to foster children after their youngest started to school. They started with very young babies at first, just for a few weeks, but later went on to foster children of all ages, some for a matter of four years. Alan showed slides taken of some of the children, whilst Daphne told us how they came to be fostered. Some when their mothers became ill, or were on drugs, some even in prison and some parents not wanting their children. Many of the children, now grown up, have kept in touch, and are grateful for the help received.

Raffle. Our April raffle raised the sum of £63-50 which is being donated to the Wood Green Animal Shelter. Many thanks to our members for the prizes donated and for their generous support.

Sickness. Joan Platt is now due out of hospital following further surgery. George Wood is not in the best of health and has been absent for a few weeks. Our thoughts are with them

Holidays. There will be no Club on Monday 5th May (May Day), nor on Monday 26th May (Spring Bank Holiday).

Bowls. As some of our members are bowls players, our Chairman informed us that the village 'Football Project' are pursuing the use of the all weather surface for other sports including 'Bowls' Further details in the Bar Hill News (See page 26, Editor).

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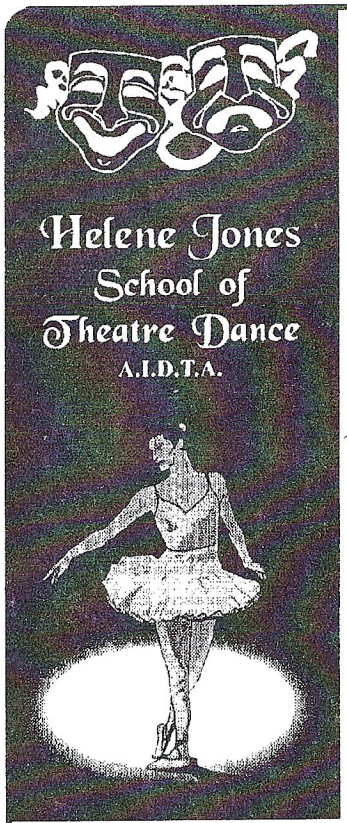

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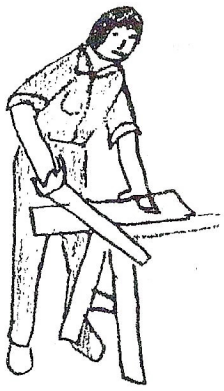

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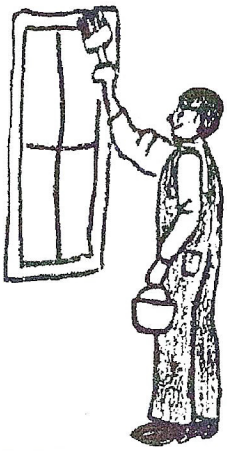

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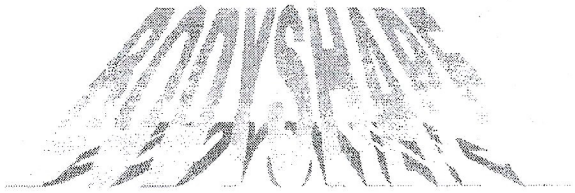

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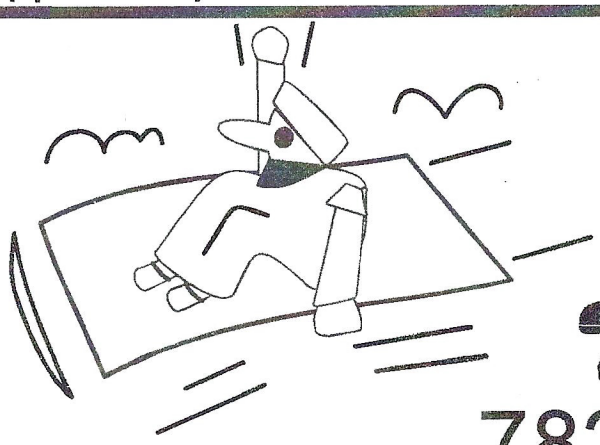

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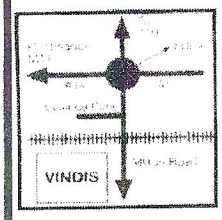

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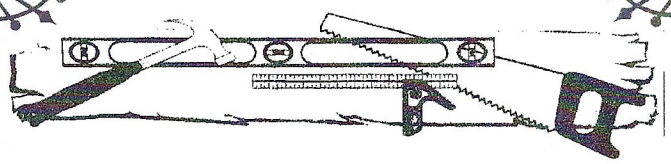

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Letters to the Editor

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those held by the Residents' Association Committee. Alternative viewpoints are always welcome but anonymous letters will not be printed. The Editor reserves the right to withhold names and addresses where appropriate.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who told me about the dead badger near the industrial estate.

Nick Richardson

Dear Editor,

I have been informed by Mrs Ginette Marshall, that some of Guys neighbours have expressed concern in the Bar Hill News regarding his home in Appletrees.

Guys mother has been in touch with the Papworth Trust and they have assured her that work has now started and it is hoped that it should be completed in July or August 2003 if all goes well.

I hope this may help answer some of the worries expressed by your readers.

Brian Burrage, Parish councillor

Dear Editor,

I would like to say thanks, in print, to Roger Hall for the time, hard work and dedication in producing the book "Bar Hill: a Social History 1949 - 2001". For anyone interested in the history of our village this is a must, in words and pictures. It's all there. well done Roger.

Nick Richardson

Lost and Found

Black Cat Around Little Meadow

Does anyone recognise this cat? Black, un-neutered tom, wide face, acute nasal discharge, runny eyes, thin coat, looks stray but recently wearing a purple collar. This cat was around the Little Meadow area a lot last year, getting food and seeking shelter where he could. Although he now wears a collar he looks very unwell and if he is unwanted I would like to take him to Wood Green where he can be neutered and receive treatment. Please contact me if you have any information.

Freda Skelson, 781052

Dear Editor

I found it interesting reading the April 2003 issue of Bar Hill News to find someone else has received unacceptable behaviour from the Tesco Bar Hill Extra store (Paul Jackson's letter last month).

My friend at work has also recently had dealings with said store where she was made to feel extremely embarrassed by one of the managers in front of other shoppers.

After writing a letter of complaint to their Personnel Department, she received a rather 'snotty' and rude reply.

As she lives in Peterborough she was unaware of the letter you published but once I showed it to her she decided to write to Tesco Head Office in Glasgow so they can be aware of the sort of 'good customer service' that is in action at the Bar Hill store.

I think that any store that pushes 'customer service' as one of their top selling points ought to be approached when they get it wrong, and you would assume they would be only too pleased to apologise sincerely in order to keep their good reputation.

Just from these two incidents people must be wondering if Tesco Bar Hill Extra really does practice what it preaches !

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If you sometimes drink in public areas, take care of yourself by following the guidance shown below - and avoid having your drink spiked.

Don't:

- Share or exchange drinks
- Go clubbing alone
- Leave your drink unattended
- Drink it - if it has been topped up, tastes funny or your glass has been moved
- Accept drinks from people you don't trust

Do:

- Appoint a drink watcher
- Plan your night out
- Inform someone of where you are going for the evening

Remember:

- Soft drinks can also be spiked
- Men can be victims of this crime too
- Please remember it is never wise to walk home alone, even for a short distance.

Should you see anything suspicious happening in the village please do report it. If you do not want to contact the Police personally, get in touch with your street co-ordinator or, if this is not possible, you can always call me and I will deal with the matter.

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Cricket Club

It's here! The cricket season has now officially started. By the time you read this we should have played our first friendly and will be just about to start our League campaign. The May fixtures are printed below so even if you are not playing you can always turn up and watch.

Nets have now finished, so for those of you who didn't make it to any of the sessions, unfortunately, you will have to try and hone your skills in the middle.

If you are interested in joining the Cricket Club, whether as a player, scorer, umpire or another capacity please contact Simon Smith on 200207.

May Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Type	Venue
3rd	Fen Ditton	League	Home
4th	Girton	Friendly	Away
w/c 5th	Over	U 15's	Away
7th	NCI	U 13's	Home
11th	Comberton II	Cup	Home
17th	Cottenham II	League	Away
18th	Little Shelford	Friendly	Home
w/c 19th	Hardwick	U 15's	Home
22nd	Hardwick	U 13's	Away
24th	Waterbeach I	League	Home
25th	The Globe	Friendly	Away
w/c 26th	Waterbeach	U 15's	Away
28th	Foxton	U 13's	Home
31st	Willingham I	League	Away

Finally, another reminder for members, you need to return your Membership Forms as soon as possible as without them you will not be covered by the Club's personal injury insurance.

If you haven't got a form or have lost it, please contact Simon Smith on 200207 or just declare an interest on the on-line form on the Web Site (www.barhillcricket.org.uk) and we will send one out.

Allotments Society

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Bar Hill Allotments society is invited to contact Paul Lloyd on 200591

Composting Club

Everyone is asked to note that the informal arrangements for depositing compostible material have ceased and that only paid-up members may now use the service. This is for legal reasons; we may only accept selected material of known provenance, otherwise we stand to lose the permission to run the service from the Environment Agency. This means that only plant waste, as set out on the rules, will be accepted at the regular times advertised to members. **Any other deposits will be treated as fly-tipping and action will be taken against those responsible.** The cost of membership is only £5 per annum, which we believe is good value as each dumping trip to Miltin will use approximately half a gallon of petrol. Rules and application forms can be obtained from Keith Morris, 782441. Technical queries should be addressed to Peter Stocckton, 204874.

Football Project

The PROJECT is now in full use, and the floodlit all weather surface is seen lighting up the sky nearly every evening with training sessions and the "village floodlit 5-a-side league". The Parish Council owned facility, is avaialable for hire by clubs, organisations or private hire for matches or football birthday parties etc. With the summer approaching there is less football training so more opportunity to hire the facility in the evenings. The "official opening" by Margaret Sellars (Parish Council Chairperson) took place on 29th April. The evening included a training session for selected mini-soccer players and a scorpion 3 x 3 tournament for the Colts players. The village 5-a-side football league has started it's fourth phase. The third phase was won by England. If you are interested in entering a team into the league contact Paul Thorby on 781527.

South Cambs are running a four week girl's football training programme starting on 12th May in preparing to enter a team in the Heart of the East games.

The Active Sports Hockey coaching for younger players is now in full swing, and if you want to know more, or are interested in trying out your hockey skills please contact Claire Thorby on 781527. A second ten week course starts on Wednesday May 7th in two age groups. Years 2, 3 amd 4 will be coached from 3.45pm until 4.45pm and those in years 5 and 6 will be coached from 4.45pm until 5.45pm. The Project has given a grant to two Bar Hill hockey coaches towards course fees for the Hockey England Level 1 Award. The plan is for the coaches to form a junior hockey club in the village later this year.

We are persuing a wide range of other uses for the facility including volleyball and bowls. If you have any ideas on other sports or are able to offer some organisational help please let us know.

It is also pleasing to see Bar Hill School making greater use of this new facility in PE lessons.

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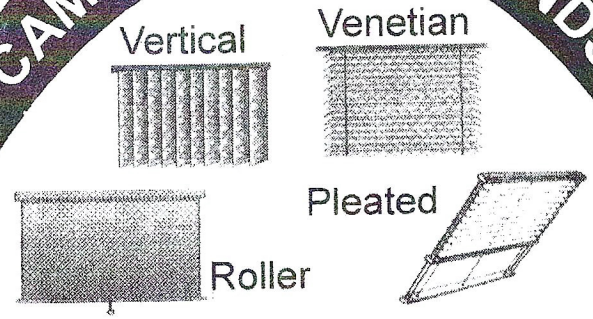

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BAR HILL COLTS F.C.

A warm Spring Welcome to you all for this month's edition of the 'Bar Hill Colts Page'. By the time you read this our season will just about be over, and very soon we will all know exactly how each of our teams has fared over the 8 months. Whatever the final league standings, you can be sure that all our teams enjoyed their football, and of course played their hearts out for our village. I have been lucky enough to see most of our teams play at some point during the past few months, and it is a pleasure to see so many boys and girls simply having a great time with their pals, being part of a great team and club. Well of course there is so much news to tell you, so I won't waste any more time, and get on with all the glad tidings.

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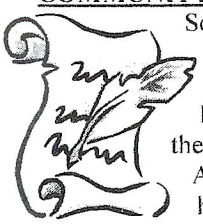

Some months ago we were lucky enough to be awarded 'Communuity Football Club' status by the Cambridgeshire Football Association. This is a very high honour, in recognition of the hard work that has been put in by Bar Hill Colts, working together with Bar Hill Football Club, in becoming actively involved in promoting football throughout the local community. On April the 12th we collected our award at the MacDonalds restaurant on Mdingly road. The event was attended by most of the managers, and a large contingent of players, who all wanted to make sure that Bar Hill is place firmly on the football map. Photo's next issue of the BHN.

LOGO COMPETITION

This is now closed, and we are busy judging the entries. News of the winners and their efforts very soon.

CONTACTS & MANAGERS

It will soon be AGM time again, so just a brief thanks to all the managers, and the committee for their stirling work over the past season.

AGE	MANAGER	TEL
U7	Rick Dorling	200408
U8	Sid Blake	789320
U9	Paul Thorby	781527
U10a	Jairo Marin	781838
U10b	Ian Francis	201160
U11	Keith Wilson	201109
U12	Nigel Barber	781533
U13	Paul Prime	203175
U14a	Barry Dean	205670
U14b	Alan Garner	782302
U15	Andy Griffin	201160
U17	Ollie Wilkin	781753

If anyone out there is interested, we always on the lookout for new managers, coaches, and other committee members. Fancy having a go? - pop along to the AGM, or call us for more information.

ENTERTAINMENTS

The 'Main event for May is the annual Presentation Evening when the boys and girls collect their well earned trophies. **Saturday 10th of May** will kick off in the afternoon with the Junior section where all our teams up to the Under 11's will be congregating on the village green for a fun activity afternoon, with their presentations taking place in the Octagan. This was really enjoyed by everyone last year, so if you want to see what real fun is, pop along and cheer them on. At 5'O'clock the Senior teams (Under 12's to Under 17's) meet in the school hall for their own evening of presentations. This season it will be similar to last year with one of Rick Dorling's challenging quizzes breaking up the evening. This year though we are joined by the adults team who will be presenting the trophies to their younger counterpart. News and photographs of all the presentations in the next issue of the Bar Hill News.

POSITION	PERSON	TEL
Chairman:	Ian Francis	201160
Vice Chairman:	Kevin Hard	789632
General Secretary:	Sally Gedny	201074
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Treasurer:	Rick Dorling	200408
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Facilities:	Paul Thorby	781527
Facilites Booking:	Lisa Francis	201160

REFEREES

Any budding Paul Durkin's, Graham Poll's, or Uriah Rennie's out there. Our young boys and girls, especially at Mini-league level, are always in need of a referee. These games are friendly affairs, with the emphasis on enjoyment, so it's all very good fun. We can arrange training sessions, so that you can take your turn at being the Man, or Woman in the middle. If you think you could help, get in touch.

PLAYER CALL

Although we are on of the largest Colts teams in Cambridgeshire, we still have teams that need more players.

UNDER 7's/8's

Our under7's & 8's are always on the lookout for more young boys and girls to play football. We particularly looking for current Year 2 boys and girls to come and join in with the current Under 7's. Next year thes boys and girls will get the opportunity to play in the Cambridgeshire Mini League at Under 8's level. If anyone wants to know more, give either the Under 7's Manager, Rick Dorling, or myself a call.

Another appeal from our Allstars team:

UNDER 11's – ALL STARS

Next season Keith Wilson will be taking his lads into the big wide world of the Colts League. The Allstars urgently need one or two more players (from the current Year 6 age group) to be able to ensure he has a full team for the next season. It would be a shame if this team were to have to stop after being increasingly successful over the last couple of seasons. So if you, or you know someone who is interested, get them to give either Keith or myself a call.

More news on all 'The Colts' activities in the next grand issue of the Bar Hill News. Look forward to telling you all much, much more, very soon.

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Bowls in Bar Hill

The Bar Hill Football Project committee would like to encourage a bowls club to be formed or casual pay-and-play bowls on their floodlit synthetic grass pitch.

We have played a trial game on the pitch with good results including full bias on the ball. The pitch would be available during the day and in the evening during the Spring and Summer.

If you are interested in playing bowls or if you have any spare bowls equipment to donate to help encourage participation please contact Paul Thorby (Secretary, Bar Hill Football Project) on 781527.

Girls Football

If you are aged between 9 and 16 and enjoy playing football, come and join us at the new astro-turf football pitch at the rear of Bar Hill Primary School. Football coaching takes place on Monday evenings (Under 12's: 7pm to 8pm & Under 16's: 8pm to 9pm). The coaching sessions will hopefully improve your skill and technique, but more importantly be great fun.

The coaches will be qualified, holding either UEFA B or FA Coaching Certificate. They also have first aid and child protection certificates and have been police checked.

All we ask from you is £1 per week to cover costs. So come along, have fun and improve your skills and technique.

Training is being organised in conjunction with Cambs FA, Active Sports and Bar Hill Football Project.

For further information contact Jim Hill 01223 576770 or Paul Thorby on 781527.

Bar Hill Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club meets every Tuesday evening at the school hall. The Juniors Session runs from 7:00pm till 8:00pm, The intermediates from 8:00pm till 9:00pm, and the Seniors from 8:00pm till 9:30pm. If you want to come along and enjoy a friendly game of table tennis, or if you would just like to come and see what goes on, please do contact any of the people listed, we are only too keen to help and advise. If you would like to come and join in the fun of a friendly evening of Table Tennis then please feel free to contact us on the numbers below, at any time.

Barry Dean

CONTACT NAMES
Brian Howard – 781945 (Seniors)
Barry Dean – 205670 (Int'meds)
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Bar Hill Tennis Club

The new tennis season has arrived! To welcome the new season we invite all existing but particularly potential new members to our OPEN DAY 10am to 1pm Saturday 10 May.

We may even be able to provide FREE BURGERS for children!! Racquets and balls will be provided but you must wear flat training shoes.

The Club has vacancies for both adult and junior members. We offer coaching from our club coach and we would particularly welcome new adult members.

Club timetable:

Monday 6pm – 9pm Men's/ Ladies League to 21 July

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm Adult Club Night 29 April to 30 September

Wednesday 6pm – 8pm Junior Coaching to 16 July

Thursday 7pm – 9pm Adult Night 1 May to 2 October

Sunday 7pm - 9pm Private Club 1st Sunday each month

Please note that new Club membership rates are :

JUNIORS	£25
ADULTS	£30
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Members have the free use of courts outside Club nights or for a £10 fee we can issue Adult members with their own key. Non members use of courts £2 per person per session. Private flood light sessions £2 per person / session.

We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league.

We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters. We started our first adult club night on Tuesday 29 April and have plenty of court hours available for members outside the normal Club nights. Do come along and have a game with us!

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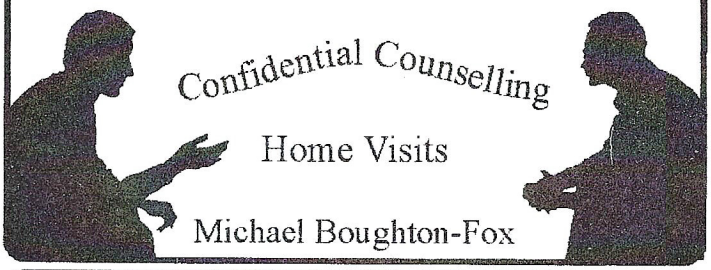

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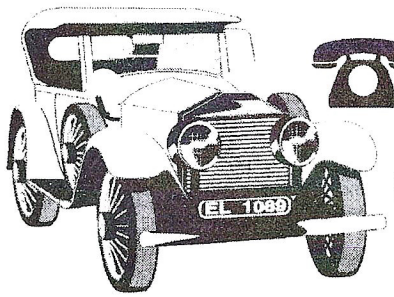

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Sun 11th	8.00am Holy Communion	
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	6.30pm Evening Worship	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Sun 18th	10.00am Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
	6.30pm Informal Worship	Leaders: Julie Gawthrop, Heather Smethurst & Melanie Stamp
Sun 25th	10.00am Family Service	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
	6.30pm Quiet Communion & Anointing with Oil	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Wednesday 28th	10.00am Mid-week Communion	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Thursday 29th	8.00pm Ascension Day Holy Communion	Preacher Rev Paul Rush

Children's Activities

Stepping Stones - Friday 9th May "I can see" Activity Time for all babies, toddlers and pre-school children and their parents and carers. From 1.45pm to 2.45pm in the Octagon. Entrance free. Everyone welcome just to turn up for coffee and conversation for the adults and an opportunity for the children to play ending with a songs and story time.

For more information please contact Marianne Langston on 200716.

Power Pals - Friday 16th May from 3.30pm until 5.00pm in the Main Church from children in Reception and years 1 and 2. A fun session to learn about Jesus through songs, stories, games and crafts. Cost £1.00. For an application form contact Melanie Stamp on 203554.

Adrenaline - Friday 23rd May from 3.30pm until 5.30pm starting in the Main Church but using the astro and village green. A sports event for those in years 3 to 6. Lots of fun regardless of ability!! Cost £2.00 For an application form contact Jo Chappell on 200987 or Claire Thorby on 781527.

Bright Sparks and Live Wires

These weekly clubs which meet in the Octagon on a Thursday offer children a chance to discover more about Jesus and the Bible through crafts, games, singing and activities.

Bright Sparks for Reception and school years 1 and 2 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Live Wires for school years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm

For more information please contact Wendy Arrowsmith on 781381.

People to contact:

The Minister: Rev Gary Renison **781629**

The Assistant Minister: Rev Paul Rush **204812**

Church Administrator: Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel. & Fax **206120**)

Church Secretary: Ms Alison Burling (**789282**)

On the Move

With the arrival of Spring the "FOR SALE" and "ON THE MOVE" property signs are very much in evidence in the village.

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Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
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Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays

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and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)

Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On

Date	Time	Event	Location
May			
Tue 13 th	8.00pm	Residents' Association meeting	School
Thu 15 th	8.00pm	NWR "The Weakest Link"	37 Acorn Avenue
Sun 25 th	10.15am	Comberton Ramblers - River Ouse from St Ives	Tel 01223 263232
Wed 28 th	8.00pm	Sunshine Reptile play-day	Sparc
Thu 29 th	7.30pm	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
Thu 29 th	8.00pm	NWR "Read & Review a novel"	55 Acorn Avenue
Fri 30 th		Bob Marshall (Soul singer)	Social Club at Village Hall
June			
Thu 5 th	8.00pm	8 O'Clock Club - Toad Rescue	School
Sat 7 th	1.00pm	Coffe & Kids Charity Day	Octagon
Sat 7 th		Monthly Draw	Social Club at Village Hall
Sat 7 th	12.00noon	Oakington Air Cadets Open Day	Magdelene Close, Lonstanton
Mon 9 th	8.00pm	NWR "Sketching in the garden"	185 The Spinney
Sat 21 st	12.30pm	Knit & Natter Summer Lunch	Octagon (Tel Sue 780260)
Sat 28 th	2.00pm	Residents' Association Village Fete	Village Green & Social Club
Sat 28 th	8.00pm	60s Night & Barbecue (Running On Empty)	Village Hall

This Edition of the Bar Hill News

The Residents' Association would like to apologise to readers and advertisers for the unexpected late production of this edition of the Bar Hill News. Our printing machine broke down in the middle of the main printing session on Friday 25th April. The engineer visited and diagnosed the problem on the following Tuesday but it required a new part to be shipped from Japan which took several days to arrive. That part was not fitted until Friday May 9th and printing was then able to continue.

Martin Avery, Editor

From your County Councillor

A14 and CHUMMS

This issue dominated the news in the first week of April. For those that may have missed it the government has confirmed the inclusion of the A14 upgrade in the targeted road programme. It is committing £490m to pay for the scheme; this will include the widening of the road between Girton and Fen Ditton to three lane dual carriageway, parallel feeder roads between Fenstanton and Girton and a new road running to the south of Godmanchester and Huntingdon linking with the existing A14 to the west of the A1 at Ellington. There are a number of reasons why the cost has gone up – current prices are higher, there have been some technical difficulties with parts of the new road and the Government has to pay itself VAT on the cost of the road!!! The timetable still seems a long way off; the Dept for Transport press release says that the new road will be open by 2010, but there is a massive amount of work to do in the meantime and construction will not be easy. Clearly for many this is still a very long way off, but in the meantime there is a great deal of work to be done – plans drawn up, consultations, no doubt a public enquiry etc, before the actual building takes place.

The announcement also puts pressure on the county council as far as two of the other elements of the CHUMMS package are concerned. The county council is now taking the lead on rapid transit and expects to be consulting on the scheme later this year. Whilst we are still waiting for an announcement from government on whether the scheme can go ahead (and we expect to hear in the next few months) I think that that announcement of the road scheme sends out a positive message; I can hardly imagine that a government with such a stated commitment to public transport would announce a road scheme and not at the same time support public transport. However, it has always been said that rapid transit must precede the road building part so I read into this, signals that we need to get on with developing guided bus.

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